(c) the action taken by Government to effectively handle such situation all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No definite information is yet available to this effect, although a network of Pak repeater has been found in use by the Pak ISI for clandestine induction of fake currency, drugs, weapons and explosives into India.

(c) Government have taken several steps which include sensitising and gearing up of the intelligence machinery, sharing of intelligence and co-ordinated actions by concerned Central and State agencies including Army, Para-military Forces, Intelligence agencies and State Police. Joint Working Groups have also been set up to discuss security related matters of mutual concern with neighbouring countries and for cooperation in combating the menace of international terrorism. Steps taken in this regard have resulted in detection/neutralization of various Pak ISI backed modules.

People killed by Naxalites

2199. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people including police and para-military personnel killed and injured due to naxalite attacks in various parts of the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) The steps taken by Government to control the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) As per available information, the number of people including police and para-military personnel killed due to naxalite violence is as under:—

State	1997	1998	1999
Andhra Pradesh	234	205	151
Bihar	325	206	378
Madhya Pradesh	14	59	47
Maharashtra	9	13	15
Orissa	—	5	—

As per available information, 44 para-military personnel were injured during the last three years.

(b) The Central Government has set up a Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the States seriously affected by left wing extremism, as its members, to review and coordinate the steps taken by these States to check extremist activities, monitor the plan of action in respect of each state and to make recommendations both on development and security aspects of the problem.

The Coordination Centre has been meeting periodically. Several important decisions such as providing financial support from the Centre for combating left wing extremist activities, construction/ improvement of identifed critical roads, preparation of plans for development of affected areas to tackle the problem in a holistic manner, sharing of intelligence inputs on constant basis, providing help of para-military forces on need basis, etc., have also been taken and effectively followed-up.

Death sentence for Rapists

2200. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item titled "Incestuous rape on the rise", as appeared in the 'Hindustan Times', dated 15th January, 2000.

(b) whether it is a fact that rape cases mostly involve near and dear ones; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to bring a legislation before Parliament to impose the death penalty to such wrong doers as asserted by the Minister several times?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The information available does indicate that the perpetrators of crime in majority of rape cases, reported during the last three years in Delhi, were relatives or persons known to the victims.

(c) The proposal to provide death as one of the penalties for the offence of rape is under consideration of the Government.